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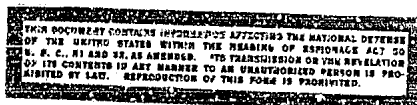
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Following are excerpts of statements made by Toros Angacoglu, and his wife Mariam, refugees from Rumania..

In Rumania, where we were quite well off prior to the Communist regime, we had a maid who, following the establishment of the Communist regime, became the mistress of one of the top Communist leaders. Due to this, her influence in Communist circles increased. Through her influence, which we bought by giving her all our jewelry, we managed to obtain an exit permit, which enabled us to come to Varna (Bulgaria), from where we came by the motor ship Uzuner to Istanbul.

The sufferings that people endure at the hands of the Communists are so many that it is impossible to describe them in a short time. It is impossible for any one to possess a house. The moment the Communists see that you have built even a tiny chicken coop with your own money, they take it away from you. They want to know where you obtained the money. In the end, you are forced to give up whatever else you possess. On the other hand, if you decide to get along as best you can with the money you have saved, and without a house, then they ask you how you manage to live without doing any work. In the latter case they accuse you of secret activities, a charge used as an excuse for doing away with you.

People are frequently taken away from their homes during the night, and are not heard of anymore.

It is impossible to go to the same restaurant 2 days in succession, since the secret agents will start immediately to question the sources of your income and then report you to the Communist authorities. It is not safe to buy more than 250 grams of rice at a time if you do not want to arouse any suspicion. In case you need to buy more, the best thing is to go to several stores. Besides, the only foodstuffs that can supposedly be obtained freely are potatoes and rice. In this respect, the Communists do not enjoy any preferential treatment. Meat is rationed, and sold only to the workers. But even they cannot buy more than one kilogram per month.

In regard to Anna Pauker, one rumor is that she has committed suicide, and another that she was taken to the USSR.

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